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Search Types

Users are able to perform searches on Dockets and Documents in FDMS. The following are the main types of searches available in FDMS.

Quick Search

You can perform Quick Searches, including Full Text Searches, using the search bar located at the top right corner of the screen.

- (A) To perform a Quick Search, enter the Search Term (e.g. partial or full ID, Title) then click the quicon or press Enter on your keypad to retrieve the results.
- (B) Click the icon for more search options.
- (C) Select **Dockets** or **Documents** from the dropdown.
- (D) The search options are specific to the Docket or Document Type selected. Select the desired search options.
- (E) Click on the **Agency** dropdown to select the desired agency.

Note: The search term entered in the search bar can be used with the search options.

- (F) Click the Include Total Count check box to view the total number of search results.
- (G) Click the **Search** button to start the search.



Figure 1: Quick Search Options

Docket and Document List Search

The smart search bar is used to narrow results in the Docket and Document list.

(A) Enter the search term (e.g. full or partial ID, Title, Type, or Status) in the search bar. The results in the list will auto-filter as the search term is entered.

Note: The smart search bar is also available in the Document List in folder contents view (see Document Folder Search section of your student guide)

(B) Refine the search results further by clicking the 🛂 icon to view more search options. Once the applicable options are selected, click Filter to retrieve the results.

Note: The search options differ between Dockets and Documents.

- (C) Click the Filter:Off button to toggle the filter On/Off.
- (D) To access the **Docket Tree** and view the Docket contents, click the 🗓 icon
- (E) The Count reflects the total number of Dockets or Documents in the list.

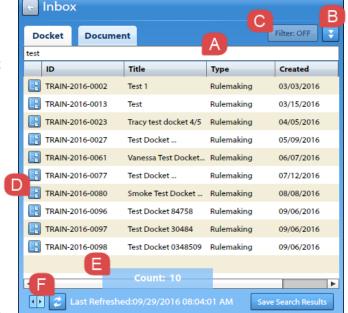


Figure 2: Search Results in Inbox

(F) Click the icon to Refresh the page and to display the most recent information. With each page refresh, the date and time stamp is updated.

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Advanced Search

Advanced Search allows users to utilize different search criteria in order to refine and obtain specific search results.

- (A) Click the Advanced Search link located beneath the Quick Search bar in the top right corner of the screen.
- (B) Select the appropriate radio button to search for either Documents or Dockets.



Figure 3: Advanced Search link

(C) From the No. of Results dropdown, select the desired number of results. Users can yield up to 10,000 results at a time.

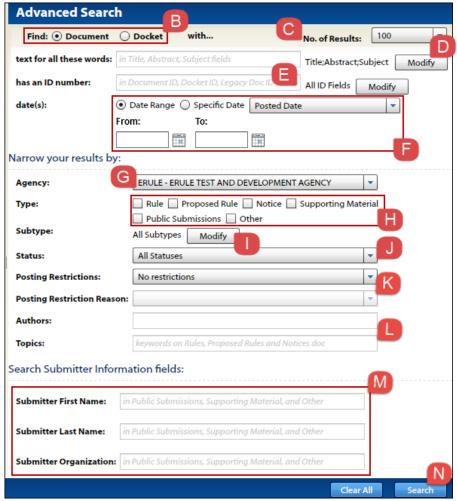


Figure 4: Advanced Search screen

- (D) Click the Modify button to the right of the text for all these words field to narrow the metadata fields that will be searched.
- (E) Type a full or partial ID in the search box. Click the **Modify** button to the right of the **has** an ID number field to select the type of ID field/s that will be searched.
- (F) Select the appropriate radio button (Date Range or Specific Date) next to the date(s) field and from the dropdown, choose the desired Date option.
- (G) Under the Narrow your results by section, the **Agency** field defaults to your agency. Select the desired agency from the Agency dropdown to search other agencies' Dockets and Documents.
- (H) All Document types are searched by default, but specific type(s) can be searched by checking one or more checkboxes.
- (I) Click on the **Modify** button next to the Subtype field to select a subtype(s).

Note: Document Subtypes vary by selected Document Type(s).

(J) Narrow your search by selecting a **Status** from the dropdown.

- (K) Select the desired Posting Restrictions from the dropdown. The Posting Restriction Reason becomes an active field when a restriction is selected; choose the applicable reason.
- (L) Users can utilize **Authors** and **Topics fields** to narrow their search results.
- (M) Under the Search Submitter Information fields sub-section, Submitter First Name, Submitter Last Name, and Submitter Organization fields can be used to further narrow the search for Public Submissions, Supporting Material, and Other document types.
- (N) Once the desired fields are selected, click the Search button to conduct the Advanced Search. The results are displayed in the Docket or Document List.

Note: Click the Clear All button to the left of the Search button to clear the fields/restore default search settings.